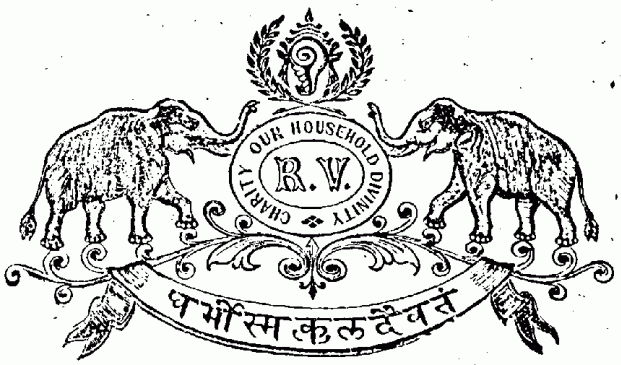

Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council was held in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 2 P. M. on Saturday the 23rd December 1893, to consider the Towns Improvement Bill.

PRESENT:—

The Dewan, ... *Presiding.*
M. R. Ry. K. Krishnaswamy Rao Avergal.
Mr. F. Watts.
Mr. T. F. Bourdillon.
M. R. Ry. Kerala Vurma Avergal, Valia Coil Thampuran.
M. R. Ry. N. Madhavan Thamby Avergal.
M. R. Ry. E. Rama Iyer Avergal.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved that the definitions of 'gender' and 'number' as given in the Indian Penal Code be added as clauses 6 and 7 of Section 2.

Mr. Rama Iyer seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that the following be added at the end of Section 4 as Clause 4:—

"A non-official member of the Committee may at any time resign office by a written notice to the President who shall thereupon forward the resignation to Government."

In the discussion which followed, the Section was amended thus:—

"Any person appointed under Clause 2 Section 3 and not falling under Clause 1 Section 4 may tender his resignation to Our Government and on such resignation being accepted, he shall be deemed to have vacated his office."

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that in line 1 Section 5 the words "by notification" be omitted as these words were unnecessary seeing that the subsequent section provides for the appointment and removal of the President and Members of a Committee being notified in the Gazette.

Mr. Rama Iyer seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that the following be added as Section 13:—

"The following are among the duties of the Committee:—

"(a) to express an opinion on orders or references made to it by Our Government.

"(b) to call the attention of the President to any neglect in the execution of any work entrusted to the executive, to any waste of its property, to the wants of any locality as noticed personally by any Member of the Committee or made known to him by the inhabitants and to suggest any improvements which appear desirable.

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"(c) to bring forward general questions connected with the "Towns Improvement Fund" hereinafter mentioned or any new measures relating to purposes authorised by the Regulation.

"(d) to consider, approve or disapprove the annual administration report specified in Section 48 Clause 5 and append such observations thereto as they think fit prior to its submission to Government.

"(e) to adopt, modify or reject proposals for creating any new appointment before the submission of the proposal to Government for their approval.

"(f) to consider the periodical statement of receipts and disbursements specified in Section 48 Clause 2 and progress reports of work done, and pass such resolutions thereon as they think fit."

Mr. Madhavan Thumby seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved that the words "in charge of a factory, mill or other industrial establishment" be added after the word "person" in Clause 2 Section 23.

Mr. Watts seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that the words "from it" be added after "remove" in Clause 1 Section 25. He said:—"As the section is now worded, the responsibility of the owner or occupier of a land is not restricted to the clearance or removal of rank vegetation in the lands which he owns or occupies."

Mr. Bourdillon seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that the word "noxious" be substituted for "noisome" in the same clause.

Mr. Bourdillon seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that a proviso be added to Section 33 thus:—

"Provided that no such notice shall be necessary when the owner or occupier of a building or plot of land permits the Committee or their authorised agent to so enter." He observed:—"It is well to lay down specifically that a formal notice is unnecessary when the owner or occupier himself permits the entry."

Mr. Rama Iyer seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that "six hours' notice" be substituted for "twelve hours' notice" in line 2 of the same section. He thought it unnecessary to allow 12 hours' notice as such a long notice may at times defeat the object of the visit. Section 274 (1) of the Madras Act IV of 1884 contemplates only a six hours' notice.

The Valia Coil Tampuran seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts moved that the following words be added to Clause 2 of Section 18 "ascertaining previously the amount the Government is prepared to allot." He said:—"The only items of revenue contemplated in the Bill are fines and grants from Government. The first of these must obviously be an item of varying and uncertain amount. If the Committee be previously informed of the amount that would be placed at their disposal by Government, they may, with advantage, propose a suitable distribution of the funds available among the several heads of expenditure."

The Valia Coil Tampuran seconded the motion.

Carried.

A few verbal alterations were also made and some clerical and typographical errors corrected.

The Bill as amended was read again and passed.

SHUNGRASOOBYER,

President.

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